

**The Situation.**  
There is no escape from war between the United States and Spain unless the latter ignominiously backs down. This is not to be expected. The ruling dynasty in Spain perceive that it is better to fight a future than an internal foe.

The ultimatum was cabled to Madrid yesterday afternoon by President McKinley, giving Spain forty-eight hours to evacuate Cuba and withdraw her land and naval forces. The demand has met a flat refusal. The European powers can do nothing further by way of mediation. The ministers and consuls of the respective governments have withdrawn from the territory of the contending parties. Thus everything is in readiness for open hostilities.

It is probable that before the end of this week a great naval engagement will be fought in Cuban waters. Acting on the advice of Consul General Lee, an army will be landed upon Cuba, and our government will use both land and naval forces against the Spanish troops.

It is now being cast, and patriotic Americans will respond as one man to the call for arms. It is announced that there are now over one million applications on file in the War Department at Washington for enlistment as volunteers in the army and navy. Two hundred thousand troops are now at the President's disposal. The destruction of the Maine and her crew by Spanish treachery will be avenged. War is a terrible thing, but in this instance the harder the conflict at the outset, the sooner it will be ended. In our opinion it may last from six months to a year, with a chance that it might be sooner ended.

#### An Honor to Virginia.

No man in America to-day receives, and indeed deserves, more of good will and praise of his free people than Fitzhugh Lee. On his return from Cuba, where he has spent two years as Consul General of this nation, he landed at Key West, Florida, and proceeded thence to Washington. At every stop he received a perfect ovation. At Richmond, Virginia, ten thousand people met him at the train to do him honor. When he reached Washington the air resounded with hurrahs to the old hero. His praises are on every tongue without distinction of party. Why all this? He performed well his duty to his country.

#### The Burdens of Taxation.

In every campaign in this State since 1876, the cry of "Reform" in the government of the State has caught our ear and we have been led to believe that the meaning of "Reform," as used, was an intended reduction of the taxes exacted from the citizens and a corresponding reduction of government expenditures. From 1876 to 1890 the State levy varied from 44 to 54 mills, with no reduction of expenditure. Under these taxes the voters of the State were not satisfied, and in 1890 they became restless. The people arose in their might and presented a solid phalanx in a determined effort to change their ruling class. After a bitter and hard-fought campaign success crowned their efforts.

When the result of that election was announced the mass of voters retired from the field of politics, satisfied in the belief that victory meant relief to them and the State. Many expressed the opinion that no benefits would accrue from the change, and for this expression they were severely censured; as sure were the victors that their friends held the reins and would guide the ship of State aright, they would brook no criticism. They consoling themselves for six years in the hope that the promised benefits were only deferred and that their friends would soon accomplish beneficial results. They concluded that it took time to solve the problem.

After eight years' waiting it transpires that the wished-for reform is a snare and a delusion. There has been no realization of the good results looked for as a return for their earnest efforts.

Since 1890, while the assessed value of the property of the State has increased some \$16,000,000, still there is no decrease in the levy, and we are blindly told it must get yet higher.

We have reached the State debt at an annual saving of \$100,000. Why is there an increased expenditure by the State? Cannot the government be conducted efficiently on less money than it would then? The corn cribs and meat houses ask the question. The family circle asks the question. The simple, imperative needs of the country ask the question in thunder tones.

We feel that the stringency of the times should induce our law-making bodies to answer the question, "Is there an emphatic 'Yes.' But the enforcement of this kind of reform must come, as it always has, from the rank and file of the people at the ballot box.

From 1876 to 1890 the price of farm products was very nearly double that of to-day. A dollar to-day will purchase about twice as much as it would then. Products are worth less, and a dollar is worth more. It takes only about half the dollars to defray the expenses of living now that it did then.

From 1876 to 1890 the salaries of State officers were \$2,100; that of Governor and Judges \$3,500. The salaries of State officers were \$1,900; the Governor \$3,000; the Judges \$2,750. The number of State officers has been increased nearly enough to consume all that is saved in the salary reduction.

#### State Prohibitionists Act.

The State Prohibition Convention met in Columbia last Thursday. Thirty-two counties were represented. Col. Jas. A. Hoyt, of Greenville, was made temporary chairman and Mr. Joel Brunson, of Williamsburg, permanent chairman.

The matter of suggesting candidates was referred to a committee of the body. The committee reported and the following candidates were suggested:

For Governor—Joel E. Brunson, of Williamsburg;  
For Lieutenant Governor—L. D. Childs, of Richland;  
For Attorney General—Geo. S. Mower, of Newberry;  
For Secretary of State—D. H. Tompkins, of Greenwood;  
For Treasurer—W. H. Timmerman, of Edgefield;  
For Comptroller General—J. P. Epton, of Spartanburg;  
For Superintendent of Education—E. D. Smith, of Sumter;  
For Adjutant and Inspector General—Henry T. Thompson, of Darlington;  
For Railroad Commissioner—T. W. Berry, of Chester.

The session was harmonious throughout. The sentiment was strong for a hard fight to the finish for Prohibition.

## These are the Words of Congress.

"Whereas, The abhorrent conditions which have existed for more than three years in the island of Cuba, so near our own borders, have shocked the moral sense of the people of the United States, have been a disgrace to Christian civilization, culminating as they have in the destruction of a United States battleship, with 260 of its officers and crew, while on a friendly visit in the harbor of Havana, and cannot longer be endured, as has been set forth by the President of the United States in his message to Congress of April 11, 1898, upon which the action of Congress was invited; therefore, be it

"Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of Congress assembled: 'First, That the people of the island of Cuba are, and of right ought to be, free and independent.

"Second, That it is the duty of the United States to demand, and the government of the United States does hereby demand, that the government of Spain at its land and naval forces from Cuba and its waters.

"Third, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, directed and empowered to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States and to call into the actual service of the United States the militia of the several States, to such extent as may be necessary to carry these resolutions into effect.

"Fourth, That the United States hereby disclaim any disposition or intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction or control over said island, except for the pacification thereof; and assert their determination, when that is accomplished, to leave the government and control of the island to its people."

#### War News.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—The ultimatum to Spain is not yet completed. The cabinet adjourned at 5:25 o'clock this afternoon.

McKinley had announced that the war resolutions and the ultimatum will both be signed to-morrow. He has decided to call 80,000 State militia into immediate service.

The United States land army is to invade Cuba by the suggestion of Gen. Lee. The war board decided this afternoon that every detail was meticulously arranged for immediate hostilities.

MADRID, April 19.—It is semi-officially stated that Spain has positively decided to fight. The cabinet meets to-morrow in extraordinary session.

The queen's speech is firm, patriotic and practically a call to arms.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—Spanish consuls all over the United States are ordered to have everything ready to depart at a moment's notice.

Polo says he will leave to-morrow as soon as the war declaration becomes law.

New York, April 19.—The Cuban junta has wired McKinley pledging him hearty co-operation with Gomez' army in Cuba in land battles.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—The Secretary of War states that the movement of troops is now on.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—The Hall bill giving the President authority to call for volunteers, passed the House to-day without division.

The order for State militia will be issued to-night or to-morrow.

War will undoubtedly begin Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning.

Spain's time limit expires at 7 o'clock, Washington time, Saturday morning.

Eighty thousand men will be landed in Cuba probably Saturday.

Arrangements were completed for their transport this morning.

MADRID, April 20.—The Spanish cabinet met in extraordinary session to-day at 4 o'clock.

The queen's speech was a war document and Senators report this afternoon that the American demands will not be met.

All Spain is excited and howling for war.

Spanish naval officers say the location of the first naval battle will be a great surprise to America.

#### The Militia Will Not Leave the State.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Up to the present time no general orders have been issued from the War Department calling for the militia of the several States.

General of the army, says it is the intention of the President to employ only the regular troops and volunteers in Cuba. The militia will be used for coast defenses and within the borders of the various States.

Gen. Corbin says there is no intention to present to order the militia organizations away from their respective States. Such troops as may be needed in Cuba must be regularly mustered into the United States service.

Gen. Corbin says the South Carolina militia will be employed in defending that State when the emergency arises, but it is not proposed to order the State militia to Cuba. If any members of the militia volunteer they will be promptly mustered into the regular service.

#### Lee will be in Command.

RICHMOND, April 18.—Gen. Fitzhugh Lee was asked to-night if he anticipated being made a major general in the United States army. "I may," was the laconic reply. "I will certainly have some general office tendered me."

"Has the President assured you of this?" was asked. "I can't say as to that point," was his reply. "The President and I have had some conversation."

"Is it true that Assistant Secretary of Navy Roosevelt has requested you to appoint him on your staff?" asked the reporter. "I see a New York paper says so," answered the general, showing the paper over to the reporter.

"That does not answer the question," ventured the scribe.

Well, Mr. Roosevelt has spoken to me about a staff appointment," said Gen. Lee.

"Will you appoint him?" was asked. "There's the question," said Gen. Lee. "That's Spanish for 'who knows,'" answered the general.

"Don't you think that Cuba will prove unhealthily for the soldiers of this country, who go there to drive the Spaniards out?"

"Not especially so, if they keep under cover at night. The dew will be most dangerous for them, and these they can easily avoid."

"I suppose the soldiers for an invasion of Cuba will be selected from among the soldiers of the extreme South."

"Not at all," replied Gen. Lee, "as I understand it the brigades will be made up of men from all over the Union, regiments from North to South will fight side by side."

## Educational Department.

ESTABLISHED JANUARY, 1896.

DEVOTED TO THE SCHOOLS AND TO THE INTERESTS OF EDUCATION GENERALLY.

Communications for this Department should be addressed to J. M. Moss, Editor, Walhalla, S. C.

The State Teachers' Association will be held at Harris Litch Springs the first week in July next. An extensive programme, representing some of the best teachers in the State, will be carried out each day. It will be a treat to those who will attend and will enable them to gather new ideas and modes, and thus be more serviceable to their patrons next term.

There are about two thousand and four hundred schools in our State, and of this number eighteen hundred are in the country. The length of terms of these schools vary from six weeks to ten months. Only a small per cent of these schools employ their teachers for more than one or two terms, and along with the change of teachers there is a change of methods, ideas, modes of teaching and aims, and in consequence the pupils are advanced to a certain stage and are kept there. Our system needs to be unified. We need unified teachers, a definite good into which all should strive to enter.

"Rome was not built in a day," neither can a boy or girl be rushed through school, attend a few short terms for a few years only, and be fully prepared for life's storms and responsibilities.

Remember the teacher is greater than the method. Still a teacher who has no fixed aim or method will certainly fail.

If you do not see the fruits of your labor and pains at once, continue to do your duty and the results will surely appear in the end.

Chronic Dyspepsia Cured.

AFTER suffering for nearly thirty years from dyspepsia, Mrs. H. E. Buckle, wife of a prominent business man of Warsaw, N. Y., writes: "For 28 years, I was a constant sufferer from dyspepsia and a weak stomach. The lightest food caused distress, causing severe pain and the formation of gas. No matter how careful of my diet I suffered agonizing pain after eating. I was treated by many physicians and tried numerous remedies without permanent help. Two years ago I began taking Dr. Miles' Nerve and Liver Pills and Nervine. Within a week I commenced improving, and persisting in the treatment I was soon able to eat what I liked, with no evil effects. I keep them at hand and a single dose dispels any old symptoms."

Dr. Miles' Remedies are sold by all druggists under a positive guarantee or money refunded. Book on diseases of the heart and nervous force. Address, DR. MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

Remarkable Coincidences.

Doubtless others have noticed these historical facts and coincidences:

April 19, 1775, battle of Lexington.

April 24, 1846, first engagement of Mexican War.

April 12, 1861, Sumter fired on.

April 13, 1861, Sumter surrendered.

April 14, 1861, Lincoln's first call for troops.

April 9, 1865, Lee's surrender.

April 14, 1865, Lincoln assassinated.

April 19, 1898, recognition of Cuban independence and armed intervention authorized.

April 21, 1898, ultimatum sent to Spain.

This is quite a record for April in the United States. The nine days that remain of this month may witness many events in naval warfare between the United States and Spain that will afterward pass into history. Verily, no one knows now what a day may bring forth.

Two Millions a Year.

When people buy, try and buy again it means they're satisfied. The people of the United States are now buying Cascarets Candy Cathartic at the rate of two million boxes a year and it will be three million before New Year's. It means merit proved that Cascarets are the most delightful bowel regulator for everybody the year round. All druggists, 10c., 25c., 50c. a box. Cure guaranteed.

Judge Townsend has decided that cities and towns can impose a license tax on saloons for business done within corporate limits. His decision was rendered in the case of City of Columbia vs. Florida Central and Peninsular Railroad Co., and sustains the principle of license taxation.

April Wisdom.

Be sure that your blood is pure, your appetite good, your digestion perfect. To purify your blood and build up your health, take Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine has accomplished remarkable cures of all blood diseases. It is the one true blood purifier.

Hood's Sarsaparilla has the power to make you well by purifying and enriching your blood, giving you an appetite, and nerve, mental and digestive strength.

In Sitka, Alaska, when an Indian wife has lost her husband by death, she goes into mourning by painting the upper half of her face in deep black.

Now is the time that every one should take a spring tonic to strengthen the system and prepare for the extra demands of Nature. Every spring the system is thoroughly overhauled—there is a general house-cleaning going on within. The impurities that have been accumulating for a year must be gotten rid of, and the system renovated and prepared for the siege of summer. Unless Nature is assisted in this task, the strain on the system is too severe, and a breakdown is the result. Some people neglect to supply this assistance, and as a result they are overcome by an enervating, depressed feeling, their energies relax, appetite fails, and they are totally disabled for a season. Everybody just now needs a tonic, and Swift's Specific

**S.S.S. For the Blood**

is logically the best tonic on the market. The general health needs building up, hence a tonic is needed that is entirely harmless. S. S. S. is purely vegetable, and is the only blood remedy that is guaranteed to contain no potash, mercury, or other harmful mineral ingredients. It is Nature's remedy, being made from roots and herbs gathered from Nature's great storehouse. It thoroughly cleanses the blood of all impurities, tones up the general health, renews the appetite and imparts new life and vigor to the entire system. Dangerous typhoid fever and other prevalent summer diseases seldom attack a person whose system is thoroughly cleaned and toned up with S. S. S. in the spring. Get S. S. S. and be prepared. Sold by all druggists.

**Ode to Max Coleman.**

His noble traits endear to us his name; Death is the crown of manly deeds to fame; Though falling young he did not live in vain; He won in life's short battle all the same. A lengthy age has nothing more to claim; Death slays to make alive—he'll rise and reign.

In the "Elysian fields," with not a pain, To over rankle in his breast again— Be free from grief and care, without a stain.

Where "Eden's" sunrises cease, but joys remain, And radiant gems bedeck his pure white hair; Like stars in evening they are shining now.

"The Prince of Terror is the Prince of Peace" To all whose lives our Savior's love has blest.

Taken in Time.

even consumption yields to the wonderful effects of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It won't make new lungs—but it will make diseased ones healthy when nothing else will. There's a reason for it, too. Consumption is lung-rot. For every form of scrofula, and all blood-taints, the "Discovery" is a positive cure. It's the most potent strength-restorer, blood-cleanser, and flesh-builder known to medical science.

For every lung-spring of blood, bronchitis, asthma, catarrh, and all lingering coughs, it's an unequalled remedy.

Last Thursday there was a fall of snow two miles below Walhalla which covered the ground for some distance. It came near happening on the anniversary of the great snow of 1849.

A Sure Thing for You.

A transaction in which you cannot lose is a sure thing. Biliousness, sick headache, aured tongue, fever, piles and a thousand other ills are caused by constipation and sluggish liver. Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the wonderful new liver stimulant and intestinal tonic are by all druggists guaranteed to cure or money refunded. C. C. C. are a sure thing. Try a box to-day; 10c., 25c., 50c. Sample and booklet free. All druggists.

Two regiments of United States troops passed through Columbia this (Thursday) morning on their way to Tampa from New York.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or any pain required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by D. B. Darby, Walhalla; W. A. Lantry, Seneca, and H. B. Zimmerman, Westminster.

A little Yankee maiden is reported in the eastern newspapers as having closed her evening prayer as follows: "And now God, take good care of yourself, for if there would anything happen to you we would have only McKinley left, and he is not doing near as well as papa thought he would."

ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

Chief Cause.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, is created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much it is able to take care of itself, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the rectum, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be easily avoided. To find out correctly, get your urine aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, and bladder remedy, is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail, upon receipt of three two-cent stamps or the cost of postage on the bottle. Mention Keowee Courier and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### Citation Notice.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COURT OF COMMONS, IN THE COURT OF PROBATE.

By E. L. HERNDON, Esq., Probate Judge.

Whereas, Mrs. Elizabeth J. James has made suit to me to grant her Letters of Administration of the personal estate and effects of J. K. James, deceased—These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said J. K. James, deceased, that they be and appear before me in the Court of Probate, to be held at Walhalla Court House, S. C., on Thursday, May 6th, 1898, after noon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this 21st day of April, Anno Domini 1898.

E. L. HERNDON, Judge of Probate, Oconee County, S. C.

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### THE SENECA BANK.

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W. H. HESTER, Manager. For Summer and Winter Resort. Special attention to the comfort of guests. Commodious Rooms. Elegant Fare. 4-21-98—ly

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FRUITS AT ALL SEASONS. Cash or barter for Poultry and Eggs. Bakery furnishes Fresh Bread and Cakes. RESTAURANT. Lunches served at all hours. 4-21-98—ly

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10-CENT STORE. DRY GOODS, FANCY NOTIONS, STRINGED INSTRUMENTS, TOYS, JEWELRY, WATCHES, CLOCKS, FRESH FRUITS, NOVELTIES OF ALL KINDS. 4-21-98—4m

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Tobacco and Cigars, Dry Goods, Groceries, Clothing, Merchandise. 4-21-98—4m

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Personal Attention to Customers. 4-21-98—4m

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### POULTRY, EGGS AND COUNTRY PRODUCE BOUGHT FOR CASH OR BARTER.

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JUST RECEIVED A FULL LINE OF FURNITURE, SPRING COTTS AND EVERYTHING NEEDED FOR FURNISHING A HOUSE. GIVE ME A CALL AND I WILL SAVE YOU MONEY. G. A. Norman. 4-12-98.

### Bids for Building Bicycle and Base Ball Park.

THE Committee are ready to receive bids for building the Walhalla Bicycle and Base Ball Park. Specifications furnished on application. File cash bids at once with us. W. M. J. STRIBLING, J. C. NEVILLE, JR., JAMES H. DARBY, Committee. April 14, 1898.

### GRAY EAGLE

GRAY EAGLE is a well-bred Jack, sired by a thoroughbred Black Spanish Jack, his dam is a native Kentucky Jennet. His coat is finely shaped, with long, keen heels, mostly blacks and bays. No short hairs on dish faces, and never as yet, shown any bad colors. It will be at Richmond this season. For particulars apply to J. J. BALLENGER, Richmond, S. C. 4-14-98.

### Notice to Executors, Administrators and Guardians.

EXECUTORS, Administrators and Guardians will take notice that under the law they are required to make to the Judge of Probate an annual account of the estate in their hands between the first day of January and the first day of July in each year, and upon failure to do so forfeit all claims for commissions and are further liable to fine and costs. R. L. BENDYON, Judge of Probate for Oconee County, S. C. April 14, 1898. 14-4t

### Bridge to Let.

THE County Supervisor for Oconee County will, at the bridge, on the 29th day of April, 1898, at 11 o'clock a. m., let, to the lowest responsible bidder, the contract to rebuild the bridge over Thompson's Creek, at the Mill of W. D. Stribling. Plans and specifications will be exhibited at the time and place of letting. The right to reject all bids reserved. J. W. SHELOR, Clerk of Board. April 14, 1898.

### To Audit and Pay Claims.

DAYS FIXED. BY Resolution of the County Board of Commissioners the Supervisor will audit and pay claims for road work on the first Monday and third Saturday in each month only. Persons wishing this class of claims audited will take notice of this order. No accounts will be audited on any other days except by the full Board. J. W. SHELOR, Clerk of Board. April 14, 1898.

### MILLINERY.

THE LATEST AND MOST BEAUTIFUL HATS, RIBBONS, LACES, FLOWERS, VEILINGS AND NOTIONS TO BE OFFERED AT REASONABLE PRICES. Constantly receiving New Goods in all the latest styles. Call and see them whether you buy or not. RESPECTFULLY, MRS. E. M. CUDWORTH. April 14, 1898. 13-4t